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Dear Josh:

I'm not much of a geneticist, but among the four of us on the brief piece describing the three pairs of closely related women who suffered post-halothane hepatitis, we did know to ask whether parents of the index cases were related. This was a question rather deeply resented by our respondents, who interpreted it as a slur. Why the published paper contains no comment of this effort, or of whatever answers Rick Hoft did obtain, I don't know. We did have a full length version of the paper, which the journal required to be drastically shortened, and perhaps this was part of what was jettisoned. I will ask Rick when next we are in touch, and perhaps I can dig up the full report.

Five years have passed. I had hoped that by now some confirmatory evidence would appear.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John P. Bunker".

John P. Bunker, M.D.



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